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REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending in the present Application. No claims have been canceled, amended, or added, leaving claims 1-17 for consideration upon entry of the present Response. Claims are presented in this Response for the Examiner's convenience. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the claims in view of the following remarks.

Double Patenting

Claims 1-9 and 16-17 stand provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being allegedly unpatentable over claims 20-23 of copending Application No. 10/193,598 in view of Wei et al. U.S. Patent No. 4,986,886.

Filed concurrently with this Response is a terminal disclaimer under 37 CFR 1.321(c). In view of the terminal disclaimer, the Applicants respectfully request removal of the double patenting rejection.

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An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO form PTO/SB/08a was filed to the PTO electronically on May 10, 2006. The Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to provide an initialed copy of the PTO/SB/08a with the next substantive action.

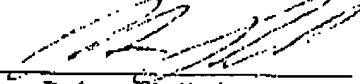
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It is believed that the foregoing remarks fully comply with the Office Action and that the claims herein should now be allowable to Applicant. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance are requested.

If there are any additional charges with respect to this Response or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

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